

Perhaps I should have added bragging too because most of us DXers do like to brag about our better catches. DX first took my interest back in 1931 when we had our first receiver, a Kolster 7 tube outfit. Bought a copy of Radex and after reading it from "kiver to kiver" I began twirling the dials. Did'nt verify any catches until the following spring, Feb 12 1932 to be exact brought me my first verie, WOW in Omaha Neb.

Usta listen in regularly to the tip period over WMAQ of the Chicago Daily News DX Club. Remember then fellows. Plenty of good tips were heard First of all I tried to verify one from each state (passing up several heard that were left unverified and long since deleted) Later in spring I joined the NNRC and then I began to verify everything heard. The Kolster set served me until 1935 when I bought a 16 tube Midwest but real DX began for me when I purchased my present receiver-an Atwater-Kent 8 tube in the fall of 1935.

DXers do you remember the California earthquake a few years back with several Californians on all night-notably KFOX in Long Beach who maintained their facilities throughout? Yes newcomers we have always had the all-night pests if not one then another, WFIW, Hopkinsville in ole Kentucky on 940 kc usta be our bugaboo and KGFJ in Los Angeles has been a 24 hour station for 10 years now.

Remember the Mystery DX Contest run by Radex for three mornings straight? (By the way won by Ray Lewis) I tried and copied the first two mornings only to have ice storm take down power lines on the 3rd am.

Remember when KFPL in Dublin Texas demanded and got 13¢ for veries? Those famous Cricket Matches in Australia rebroadcast by Poste Parisien? Europe being heard all over the east for first time in Feb 1933. Some DXers ?? even thinking they had Australia direct at 1 AM and writing to same. Next winter 1934 really saw the TAs at their best, Radio Normandie on 1328 kc like a local, Frankfurt-Am-Main and Horby Sweden (Very few were able to inveigle a verie from Horby tho)

Remember the series of tests from Nothern Ireland Regional: TGW when they were on 1215 kc and giving away pounds of Coffee for reports, those series of tests over W8X0 (did you hear a selection dedicated to yourself) when WSYU and CPRY were on once a week, when VAS was heard every morning at 3 am for about 5 minutes?

Highlights of my DX career have been, Receiving my first verie-WOW; CMCY my 1st Cuban; XEW 1st Mexican; YV1BC my 1st foreigner on special DX broadcast; CKMO 1st 100 watter and 2000 miler; CKCK completed the provinces and KTFI the states, verie # 453 in May 1933; KGU 1st Hawaiian in spring of 1933; thrill of thrills hearing my 1st TP in March 1933 ole 2YA on 720 kc; WHBC when they used 10 watts (only US verie of that low power); KFPM using 15 watts when they received just 78 reports; XEE a 2000 miler using 20 watts; those once famous Canadian Amateurs, seven in all, I verified 4 1OBP-1OBQ-1OAK and 1OBI; wonder who was lucky enuf to verify all 7? NAA in Arlington Va with those time signals and weather reports on twice a day. Best early evening DX netted Y3S-OAX4A-KFKU thru jumble at 8 PM and early morning DX. Hilversum when Princess was married hearing the wedding bells etc; Radio Moroc on Special DX Broadcast and Radio Algiers on two occasions. Other DX which gave a thrill; being 1st east of Ohio to log and verify KRNR and getting write-up in Roseburg paper; 1st DXer to hear and verify ZNS when they were on 540 kc; hearing KTMS complete 1st broadcast 1st day on the air, winning a piece of pottery from WALR on DX (long since broken); verifying WDAH s'funny about that one. WDAH-KTSM shared time using same Xmitter; KTSM heard several times easily on tests but WDAH always inaudible but once just once they broke thru for me (Pat Reilley can attest to this) those memorable specials from HHK-WBOQ-CKIC & VOAS. May there be plenty more DX thrills in store in the coming nine years. Best 73s Al Bartholomew.

BCB EXTRA

MY 10 YEARS OF DXING by Bob Botzum

Paid by R. Edge

In Sept 1930 I purchased a 1931 Model # 70 8 tube A.K. set and started fishing around for other stations. Wasnt until a few months later I heard KFI and then I had something to talk about. Came across Radex in 1939 (Have bought & saved every issue since) and read about this DX hobby I used to keep a list of stations heard but never verified. Then heard CMCD & WTJS on a DX program & wrote for my 1st verie. So CMCD verie came in & that started me on my way. During next 2 yrs only verified abt 150 stations. But in 1934 I started to DX in early AM and found it the ideal time, so have been DXing mostly every AM since & verifying everything heard. Some of my outstanding veries are in the early days, YV1BC KGU in 1933. While in 1934 verified 9 S.A. stations including CX26 with 2KW on a DX special. They sent a Diploma. Same year produced my 1st TA verie, Normandie & P.P. Had to wait till 1935 to log and Verify any TP's and they were 2BL-2YA-JOIK-JOJK-JOAK. No doubt the old times recall the regular test programs from LRL-LR5-LR4-LS2-LS4. in 1935 which were rec here very well. Later yrs produced tests from North Ireland Regional-P.P. Rennes in Europe for the U.S. Bureau of Standards in Washington D.C. Have had good results from early evening DXing, verifying YSS-HHK-TIPG-TGW & FCN also LRL-LR5-PRA6-YV2RC, Around 11:30 PM in 1935: PRA6 was logged on 815 kc between WCCO & WHAS on adjoining kcs around 9PM & they verified by Special Delivery & Registered Mail. Some of the low powered stations verified yrs ago were KFPM-15 W; WIBG-25w; KRKO-KPPC both 50w on the west coast. Along with the 10 watters VE9EK on 1190kc and 10BQ-10AK 10BP-15w; and CHGS-CKIC-CFCT 50 w. Best catch however was verifying HIH 1390kc-15 watts located in Dom Rep on test Nov 1934. Shall never forget the Mystery DX Program I heard on Mar 17 1935. Heard them but didnt know where to send my report as they only gave location as (somewhere in No America) Thanks John Kalubach Jr I was able to get QRA & finally rec my verie from station DX-25 watts. Believe they were on 985kc that AM with 25 watts. If I am correct only about 10 reports were rec by station DX. Other odd catches & verified were VAS-NAA & W2XAL Schenectady on 790-250 w & W3XDS Camden N.J. on 950 kc 1KW. I also had some disappointments during my DXing yrs with several good foreign stations never verifying namely HJN & few S.As while YV6RV & EAJ7 veries were lost in the mails, and Copenhagen Denmark sending me their SW verie while I heard them on BCB. After many years trying I finally verified an Alaskan station KINY in December 1940. So I have just one ambition now, that is to verify an African, to complete all continents verified on BCB. So as I enter my 11th year of DXing I find I have verified 1224 stations. While some boys feel satisfied to verify them once I started a few years ago to verify them all over again. Up to now I have 1092 stations verified anywhere from two to four times with LRL & LR5 each verified 5 times.

Incidently all stations were heard on loud speaker up to Jan 1939 There after Head-Phones were used and during the 1939 season 13 Aussies 5 Europeans-5 S. Americans were verified for one of my best Foreign reception seasons with 7HT-500 watt in Tasmania outstanding.

Only hope my ole reliable Atwater Kent set holds up for awhile as I believe I can get some more pleasures and surprises during the coming years in this great hobby of DXing. Bob Botzum.

ALL OF YOU MEMBERS RECEIVED A SAMPLE OF THE STATIONERY OF THE NRC. ORDERS FOR THIS MUST BE SENT TO RICHARD COOPER 956 ORR AVE, KITTANNING PA. DICK COOPER WAS ALSO VERY GENEROUS AND PRINTED THE HEADING ON THE BULLET* IN FOR THE CLUB FREE OF CHARGE AND I HOPE WE ALL APPRECIATE THIS.

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DX EXPERIENCES OF JOE BECKER "THE HAMILTON NITE OWL"

Well back in November 1929 I bought my first radio, it was a 7 tube Majestic, neudrodyne set. I erected an areial running East & West, 90 ft long, 35 ft high and I still use this same aerial today. I never use ear phones, any traps or gingerbread apparatus on my set. Well here is how I got my start in verifing stations. Back in Feb 1930 I happened to come home rather early in the morning and turned on the radio and heard WFDV Rome Ga., on its initial test. Mr Dollie Goings was the owner and he begged for reports; well I sent one and in March 1939 I received a verie from WFDV, my first verie and it was such a nice letter I decided to try again some morning. Well fellow members I began to verify all stations and I figured when I got about 100 veries I would quit, well when I had 100 I made it 200 and so on until today I have 1372 Verified and I am just as much interested in verifying stations as I was back in 1939, perhaps even more as I rarely miss a mornings DX.

After I was in the game awhile some of us DX hounds started a club named The Interstate DX Club, this club did not last long in fact we only published 1 bulletin. Then I joined the Atlantic Radio Club, also to the Canadian DX Relay, IDA, NNRC, Universal DX Club and the National Radio Club and my firm opinion is that the NRC is the cream of the class. My prize catch is TJW located in the City of Hamilton in the Berauda Islands, they were using 7-1/2 watts and was it a thrill to hear this one, Ill say so. Also have heard other low watt stations as Carbondale-CMBR Havana Cuba 15 watts, KFPM used a slogan I sent to them, KFPM The biggest little station in the Nation. KFPM used 15 watts, also CKMO when they were 50 watts Back in December 1934 I heard WPAX, Thomasville Ga on a frequency check and sent them a report, in January 1935 my 2nd report went to WPAX and have sent them a report on every FC since only missing 3 on them, figure it out and see how many there are. I also sent WGAU 26 consecutive Sunday morning reports and one of my thrills of DXing was listening to WGAU one Sunday when Harry Grimes said to Mr Lynne Brennen I wonder how Mr Becker would like to hear the birds sing, Well Mr Grimes opened the window and believe it or not I never heard such wonderful and sweet music before.

How many of the present day DXers have heard WCHI-WMRJ-WRK-KMIC-WFDA WODX-WAMC-KFXY-KPJM-KFWI-KELW-KMCS-KGEW-WQDX-KGIQ-WIBO-WKBI-WKBF-W3XJ Wheaton on BCB-WLEY-WRHM-WDIX-KFWF-WBMS-KGIX-WMAK-WPOE-WCGU-WCDA-WPCH-WPGC-W3XDD Whippany NY-WFBE-WHBD-WCSO-WFJC-WSEN-WIBR-KGMP-KOCW-KTBR-WEDH-WGBI-WJBU-WELK-WNBW-WFAN-WPSC-WERE-WMBA-KGDA-KFUL-WEHC and KVL.

Had one experience when I heard EQ7 in Lansing Mich talking to EW7 in Jackson Mich. This was on the BCB, I would hear what EQ7 said and then would quick turn to EW7 and hear him answer EQ7. My hardest task in getting a verification was from a Cuban CMBW I tried for nearly 3 years but finally landed it. I have no Cuban delinquents but have 4 Mexicans who will not verify. They are XBAI-XEBZ-XEBP & XESM. I have put down on my black list page. Many are the times when I was so disgusted with DX that I was on the verge of passing out of the picture then I would log a new station and then the old DX spirit was revived again. At one time for 16 whole long months I never missed a single mornings DX, one has to have a lot of patience and perserverance and one must sacrifice a lot of sleep to be able to take a lot of noise and also to with stand the all nighters these stations really are a decided detriment to us DX hounds, wish they all were on 520kc then we really could go to town with no interference.

Well if our NRC editor prints this in the bulletin, I am afraid you fellowmembers will have to take an asprin to releave your headache. I believe I have said a plenty so am signing off and trust to see more of these DX experiences from other members, namely Pat Reilley. I am signing off and wishing each and every member of the NRC much seccess and plenty of good DX.

Sincerely an old timer
Joseph Becker Sr.,

Hamilton Ohio

JOE BRAUNER'S DX EXPERIENCES

Built myself an 8 tube Super during the winter of 1925-26, it worked with a small loop. Had over a dozen controls and was a good set for those days. Pulled in my only two Japs with it, JOIK and JONK. DX just came naturally to me, in April 1926 I began a log. The first 12 calls, WOAW-KOP-CJSC-CJCI-KFEQ-WGBU-WCLI-KFKX-WABL-WDBK-WCWS and WGBW. All gone now except the first, WOAW who is now called WOW, KFEQ was a 50 watter in Oak, Nebraska. From that dozen the log grew to the present 1,588 hrd and 1,490 verified. In March 1927 hrd KOWW DXing, begging reports, sent one and got a verie, thereby learning what a verie was, Uncle Sam then had another good stamp customer and my mailman had more work. In June 1927 a daytime report to WIEW, Oil City, Pa brought an Erko Stamp and I had another radio souvenir to collect. How many fans remember WLBW's wooden oil derrick towers? The Buffalo DX Club was my first knowledge of clubs, I joined later belonging to the NNRC-CORP-IDA-ISWC and to the NRC at three HQ locations. That is how I learned on Clubs, veries and stamps.

An unforgettable experience, In August 1929 an HFL super replaced the homemade set, it wouldnt work on the loop, for a trial 25 feet of bell wire was hooked on and the end tossed out the window, soon after KGCK, 10 watter at Wolf Point, Mont howled in. Followed by a 100 watter in Mo., KGBX. Next evening a permanent skyhook was strung, 70 ft long, about 20 ft off the ground, its still up there, never been touched since. In 34 an S-M #714 was installed and in 37 a McMurdo-Silver Masterpiece #5 took over. Low powered DX was easy back before 1930, a Kingston, N.Y. 10 watter was a regular visitor, but 250 watts from there is no go now. My best was KLIT, 10 watts in Portland Ore before midnight, KVEP 15w in same town KFQU 50w in Cal. Among the others, KGDA 30w; WIBU 20w from a windmill power plant. KDLR 15w same at WEBQ-WRBC 17w; WRBL 25w and a score of 10 & 15 watters in the northeastern states, 5 in Ohio along. KLCN used to go places and verify pronto with only 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ w. Won a set of new tubes as a prize for report on TSW's 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ w DX. PWX, 1st Cuban; CYJ 1st Mexican; HJN 1st S.A.. My hope now is to log and verify Alaska and Newfoundland, the only places in these western Hemisphere that I still have to hear for the 1st time. Regardless of FCC tests Etc give me the old days before 1930 Small stations were scattered all over the band, not jammed to-gether onn 6 channels, half the easterners were off for the day by 10 PM, schedules were very irregular and DX plentiful by 10 PM. 24 hour pests unheard of although a few Chicagoians had the general idea allready then. Anyone remember WQJ, Chi-CAW-GO, Jerry Sullivan at the mike, he was another of the individualistic announcers of those days. But all Chi stations were silent Monday evenings and many other stations had one silent night per week for the benefit of the DKer, think of that today. Many stations were found 20 or 40 kcs off frequency or so far apart that three or four supposed to be on one channel could be separated, so a logbook was no good anyway, even if you could get one for identifying stations, one Chicago station used three channels every day, two others used 2 channells daily.

I heard all but WFDA among Joe Beckers list. And as near as I can recall, all of Pat Reilley's calls, Canada being so close here, I heard all the Amateur broadcasters listed over there, all CNR calls ever used, CPRO and a score of other phantom Canadian calls. Also heard quite a few of Dave Thomas's list, I just did miss WTAY & WDAP. One odd station here was a 25 watter on 585kcs, aboard a plane over Ontario sending a race description to a Buffalo station for rebroadcast, call 8B6, a rare stunt back in 1927 when chains and relays were just beginning. Regarding that WPDQ mentioned by Thomas, it started out with 10w in an East Buffalo garage, later jumped to 50w and located in a Kensington distric, upped to 1000w and used the call WKBN. And passed out in one of the reorganizations following the creation of the old Federal Radio Com. Another old-timer in these parts was a 500w in Rochester N.Y. WOKT and the 15w WJPW in Ashubula, Ohio..
Joe Brauner.

June 21 1941

A DECADE OF DX'ING by LEO HERZ

June 21 1941

Back in 1931 when I bought my first radio we had the Chicago Daily News DX Club on the air over WMAQ and thats how I got interested in DX. At first I did not send for veries or hardly any. My first set was a 7 tube set of unknown make which was replaced on Xmas 1933 by a 4 tube Echophone 6 tube consol an all wave set. Up to that time I had only DX-ed on the broadcast band and had a heard log of 325 with 87 veries. I started to DX on short wave and to this date I have a log on short wave all verifiedcas on short wave I count only verified stations, 658 with a VIC of 90 and a VAC of 17. Some of my more outstanding veries are, VR4QD-Salmon Island; VS2AK-Malaya; TFJ-Iceland; LXLAJ-Luxemburg; SM5SV-Sweden; VK9XX-British New Guinea; OQ5AB-Congo. In 1939 I bought a Howard which was a lemon and it was in 1940 replaced by a Halicrafter Sky Champion which is my best set. Last fall at the NRC convention I decided to DX again on the BCB which I do enjoy very much. My log is 253 with 240 verified, VIS 48 and VIC 5. I wont list any of my veries as you all know them from my reports in the bulletin. As for DX Clubs, I have belonged to many and my first club was the NNRC, then the GCDX and the CSWRC, the last two are out of existance. I belong at present to the National Radio Club-International DXers Alliance-International Short Wave Club-world Dial Club-World DX Alliance and the Grand National Short Wave Listeners Club. I have held many offices since I belonged to DX Clubs. I was Short Wave CPC man and was a Short Wave editor but at present am only active in my favorite club, The National Radio Club and hope to serve it many more years to come. For the past 2 years have been a Director on the NRC and last season was honored by being named a Vice President. Next season I will try to do some BCB CPC work. It is my Sincere hope that all you members will support the NRC the same as you have in the past and to give it a position it deserves. I made many real friendships with thosegrand fellows that belong to the NRC. To Pop Edge, Joe Becker and the othersofficers and directors deserve the credit for bringing the club to its high position.

3rd ANNUAL IDA-NRC-IRT MID SUMMER CONVENTION

The 3rd Annual Convention of the IDA-NRC-IRT will be held again at KLA'S Restaurant Private Dinning Room of Course, 5734 W. Cermak Road Cicero, Ill., on July 19th and 20th 1941. Dinner will be at 7:30 PM Central Time and the registration is \$1.50 which should reach R.R. Irwin, 3920 Courtland Ave., Chicago, Ill., at least one week in advance. This will include a Turkey Dinner for which KLAS is well known. Further information will be available by writing Gail Beyer 3226 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago Ill., hotels, transportation etc will be checked upon request. Plans are under way for an entertainment program on Sunday July 20th, with a tour of the various DX shacks of the Chicago gang being the highlight. To date we have several fine prizes donated including 2 memberships each to the IDA and NRC and 2 to the IRT. In addition Ben Kierski has offered a fine \$8.00 rug. More prizes are expected. Try to attend.

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Bill Stone out ex Chairman of the Board of Directors is somewhere in England. His address is as follows, B-31015 Pte. Stone W.H.

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It only requires a 3¢ stamp on letters to him and I believe that he will be more than pleased to hear from any of you members. He promises to answer all mail received but asks that you be patient as there are times he cannot write because of his work. It takes 1 month and 4 days to get mail from there to the states at least that is the time taken on letters to your editor. So sit down and drop Bill a few lines now.

THE ACCIDENT IN "PAT" REILLEY'S LIFE

In January of 1929 the wife had a thyroid operation and when she came home from the hospital I played nurse throughout the rest of the night & until the nurse had her rest, a friend sent up a radio salesman and he had a Philco model 87, 8 tubes and he left it in the house for a tryout. Well he never took it out as it was soon mine. The game of DX was unknown to me those days and did not know about verifying until heard WNRC in Greensboro, N.C. on the air for the Buffalo Evening News DX Club on Dec 7 1929. They asked for cards or letters and I sent a card, the verie came back and that was my introduction to DXing and verifying calls heard. That was my accident with DXing. My 1st Radex was number 30 and I still have it in my possession and it seems that i've bought 111 copies since. (Hope Mama does'nt figure out the cost) Practically all of my DXing has been after 2:30am. A very few veries are from evening DX because of my night work as make up man on our morning newspaper here. You younger DXers (beginners I mean) dont know what the pioneer DXers went through back 10 or 12 years ago, we did'nt have freq checks as we do today, now you can hear 3 or 400 weak powered stations in a week. We chased them for years without catching them. I chased KSEI for all these years until Jan 1941 when I verified them. From 1931 to 1935 only worked a couple days a week so could'nt verify all the foreigners heard but did'nt miss many UC & Canadians as the cost was'nt too high. In spring of 1935 bought a 11 tube Philco 16L. It was a superhet. My first Canadian was CKCK in Nov 1930. First Cuban was CMX 250w in Nov 1930. First Mex XED in Dec 1930. First S.A. YVIBC in Oct 1932 and then HJN in Dec 1932 and 12 others in later years. First Aussie was 2BL in Nov 1935 and 5 others later. First Zedder was LYA in Nov 1935 and 4 others later. Verified ZNS-HIX-6 in France-TGW and a pound of coffee-HHK all the Pureto Ricans-HOK-4 Hawaiians-92 Canadians-44 Cubans and 48 Mexicans. The Cubans and Mexicans have been boycotted last 2 years because of no veries received from them, so now I very seldom write to a Spanish speaking station unless they talk in English once in a while.

How many of you DXers remember these deleted calls? WFDW-WODX-WKBC-KMIC-KMCS-KTAB-KFWI-WFDV-WKBI-WIBO-KFLV-WPCC-WRAF-WKBF-WJKS-KICK-KWCR-WIAS-KFKB-KFIW-KWEA-WGHP-KFXM-WRBX and their 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ w of power-KFXR and their religious services with 50w-W2XBF in NYC-W9XA in Denver-W3XDD in Whippany N.J.-W8XAR in Pittsburgh, Pa.-KSAT in Texas with their DXes with Honeyboy & Sassafras as the comedians; KFPM the 15 watter (I won \$5 on this one with greatest distance in the month of June with 13 consecutive records played) KPCB in Seattle Wash-How many remember the Canadian National Railway stations CNRW-CNRA and others not verified by me-9CY up in Ottawa in 1930 VE9CB-10BQ-10AK the outlaw sponsored by the CDXR with their 10 watts-VE9EK in Montmogny, Quebec-CNRX-XETA-XER and their sister station XEF and dozens of others now deleted or changed calls and all of the above are verified. I joined the Buffalo Evening News DX Club back in the winter of 1929-1930 and was a member until they broke up and then was the 7th member of the old York, Penn., N.R.C. when it was formed and a member until it was moved to Erie. I then joined the N.N.R.C. for 2 years, and then rejoined the N.R.C. the next year after it left York and have been with them since.

Best 73 and hope the veries come back for you all,

"Pat" Reilley

810 North Main St., Jamestown NY.

THIS DX EXPERIENCES OF PAT REILLEY'S is ahead of time but I did not want to send the back of a page out empty. This is the last one I have here so I am waiting for you members to send in yours. So I will be looking for yours in the mail one of these days not to far off.-Ray.

I have just received a verie from WFPG, a very nice card. A questioner was enclosed asking information in regard to their signals Etc. I wish every member who receives one will fill it out and return it promptly.